

REMARKS

17 and the species of Group I(a) and Group II(d). The Examiner did not indicate whether a species should be elected from each group. However, as these are not mutually exclusive groups, it is appropriate to elect one species from each group. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15-17 and 24-33 read on the elected species. Claims 18-23 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application. The Examiner will note that claims 24-33 have been added pursuant to MPEP Sections 806.05(e), 809.03 and 809.04 as linking claims.

If any petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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